



Edinburgh council have acknowledged residents health and environmental concerns in Balerno and stopped using Glyphosate there in 2020.

- In 2020 the Volunteer Weeding Group manually removed the weeds in Balerno.
- In 2021 Edinburgh Council 'trialled' Foamstream safe alternative
- In 2022 Edinburgh Council strimmed around DeanPark primary perimeter supported by the Volunteer Weeding group and community support .
- In 2023 Edinburgh Council trialled Hot Water. Mechanical sweeping was with strimming done around Deanpark Primary perimeter. Volunteers and residents continued to support

Cost analysis	Cost per meter
Hand Weeding by contractor	£00.32
Hot water treatment by contractor	£00.26
Glyphosate treatment by contractor	£00.23
Foamstream factoring in costs of diesel, foam, in-house application, van and water. Excluding initial cost of equipment	£00.07

Pesticide Free Balerno have asked the council to respect and recognise that Balerno asked for the weeds to be removed - but in a safe manner.

Now it is crystal clear, Safe Alternatives are actually more cost effective than tradition harmful chemical methods and completely viable (with less regrowth) when used correctly.



Balerno residents have played their part and our volunteer weeding group has dedicated not 1, not 2 not 3 but 4 years to support.

Considering Glyphosate is applied in residential communities, KNOWN to be harmful, without our informed consent, with no regard to an individuals unique health vulnerabilities - We reconfirm that Safe Alternatives are introduced NOW - without further delay.



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